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Settlement Reached With JDS Uniphase Corporation

SACRAMENTO – The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) today announced it has reached a settlement with JDS Uniphase Corporation (JDS) resolving hazardous waste violations cited at its 2789 Northpoint Parkway facility in Santa Rosa.

JDS, formerly known as Optical Coating Lab, uses the facility to manufacture laser equipment.

Under the terms of the Consent Order signed on July 18, 2005, JDS will pay a total of \$15,500, of which \$11,625 is a penalty and \$3,875 is a credit for participation in a Supplemental Environmental Project consisting of a contribution to the California Environmental Protection Agency's Environmental Enforcement and Training Account.

The issuance of this consent order is consistent with Governor Schwarzenegger's plan to protect the environment and public health through the vigorous enforcement of hazardous waste management laws and regulations.

The settlement stems from violations observed by the DTSC inspector during an inspection at the facility on February 16, 2005. The violations noted were:

- Failure to update for inflation the closure cost estimate for the Conditionally Authorized tank treatment system for a period of no less than seven (7) years. The original closure cost estimate was incomplete by not addressing the following elements: demolition and removal of the containment system, transportation and disposal fees for tank residuals and waste inventories, and decontamination.
- Failure to re-assess the Conditionally Authorized tank unit within the last five years; the most recent tank assessment dated back to 1998.
- Failure to re-assess the treatment tank system described above, after making structural modifications to the tank.
- Failure to assess two holding tanks comprising the ancillary equipment of the treatment tank system.

JDS has corrected all violations listed in this Consent Order.

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The Department of Toxic Substances Control's mission is to restore, protect, and enhance the environment and ensure public health, environmental quality and economic vitality by regulating hazardous waste, conducting and overseeing cleanups, and developing and promoting pollution prevention.